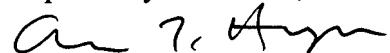


**CONCLUSION**

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested, for the same reasons that the Notice of Allowance was issued on 5 April 2007. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the present response that might hinder a speedy allowance.

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